also been developed which are promoted amongst NRIs overseas through special missions and through the Embassies/High Commissions. A special brochure on investment opportunities in tourism has also been brought out and is distributed to the NRIs/Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)/ other foreigners who are interested in investing in India through India Tourism Offices. Single Widow clearance facilities and investors' Escort services have also been provided by various States with a view to simplify the implementation procedure and for expediting NRIs investment proposals. Through the introduction of several progressive measures requirement for procedures has been greatly reduced for obtaining investment clearances.

With a view to project the importance that India attaches to NRIs/ PIOs 9th January has been earmarked to be celebrated annually as the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. The first such function is scheduled to be held in 2003 where large number of NRIs/PIOs from all over the world are proposed to be invited to show case India and its investment potential.

Indo-German bilateral development cooperation programme

†*130. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Germany has recently agreed to provide an assistance of Rupees 360 crore to India for various projects under the Germany-India Bilateral Development Cooperation Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the projects on which the said funds are likely to be spent?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Germany has extended a financial assistance of Deutsche Mark (DM) 179 Million (approx. Rs. 360 crores) for the implementation of the following projects in India under the Indo-German Bilateral Development cooperation for the year 2000 and 2001:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

S. No.	Project	Amount DM Million	Grant/ Loan
1.	Watershed Development Programme, Phase-III (Maharashtra)	39.0	Grant
2.	Slum Improvement Project, Nagpur	11.0	Grant
3.	Rural Water Supply, Rajasthan (Extension)	10.0	Grant
4.	Pulse Polio Immunization Programme-III	20.0	Grant
5.	Capitalization of Rural Financial Intermediaries (SEWA)	8.00	Grant
6.	Small Industries Development Bank of India-III	29.8	Loan
		1.2	Grant
		31.00	
7.	Fertilizer Sector Programme-VII	40.0	Loan
8.	HDFC-IV (Gujarat Earthquake Reconstruction Programme-I)	20.0	Grant
	TOTAL	179.0	

Uneconomical offices of AI abroad

*131. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some AI offices abroad have been identified as being economically unviable;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what has been per month expenditure on AI's office in Washington DC during last two years; and

(d) how much it has earned during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The revenue and expenditure in respect of Air India's office in Washington DC during the last two years are as under: